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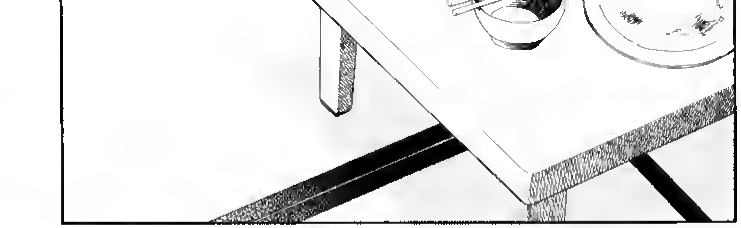
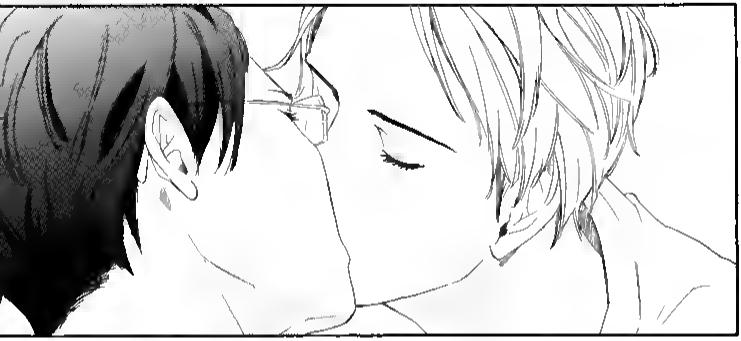
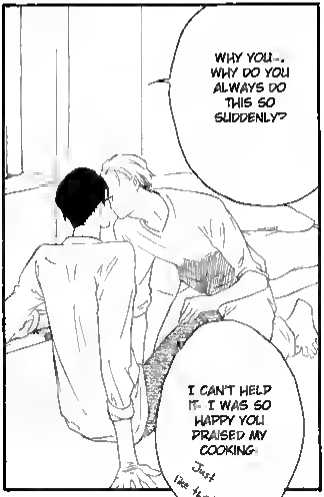




HEY? IT'S A REST DAY TOMORROW ANYWAY, RIGHT?


WHY YOU--. WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DO THIS SO SUDDENLY?
I CAN'T HELP IT. I WAS SO HAPPY YOU PRAISED MY COOKING.
Just like that

SLAP
AH!
BUT BEFORE THAT

IT CAN'T BE HELPED
YAY!

SUMIYOSHI, BRING THE DISHES
OKAY.
PSSH
I'm done.
kay
WE HAVE TO PUT THINGS AWAY.
Or we can't lay out the futons.
SITS UP
NOT LIKE THIS!!

I MENTIONED THIS BEFORE...
BUT ISN'T IT TIME TO MOVE?
NO! WE CLEANED UP SO THAT WE COULD GET SOME ACTION!
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SLEEPING!!
AH...!
SORRY. I FORGOT WHILE I WAS WASHING THE DISHES!
ME TOO!
BUT WE CLEARLY DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH SPACE!
THIS PLACE IS LIVABLE, RIGHT?
IT ONLY HAS ONE ROOM! WE CAN'T EVEN LAY OUT THE FUTONS WITHOUT FOLDING AWAY THE TABLE FIRST!
THIS IS NO PLACE FOR TWO COMPANY EMPLOYEES TO LIVE!
I chose this room when I was still in university!?
BUT

Glomp
AH, ENOUGH!
UMPH
AND THE LEASE IS UP FOR RENEWAL TOO...
Drink
DON'T MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE
I WON'T TALK ABOUT ANYTHING UNREASONABLE
BUT WHY DO YOU MIND SO MUCH? LAST TIME WE TALKED ABOUT THIS TOO...
SUMIYOSHI
HM?

YOU'RE ASLEEP?
Hey...!
HOW ABOUT YOU, SHINOMOTO? WHY ARE YOU...
HUH?
I THINK IT'S INCONVENIENT NOT HAVING OUR OWN ROOMS...
.....
YOU WANT TO MOVE NO MATTER WHAT?
WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY NO MATTER WHAT BUT
I also missed my chance to get some...
--IN THE END, I MISSED MY CHANCE TO ASK HIM WHY HE'S SO HESITANT TO MOVE.

THE STATION IN THE NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD ISN'T VERY CONVENIENT AND
IT'S QUITE A WALK TO GET TO THE STATION
IT'S ALSO RUNDOWN.
IT MIGHT POSSIBLY BE THAT
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT LIVING THERE?

BUT I REALLY SO WANT TO MOVE TO SOMEWHERE CONSIDERABLY MORE SPACIOUS
THE ATMOSPHERE TURNED WEIRD WHEN WE TRIED TO TALK ABOUT IT BEFORE TOO.

hec thinking about the time we broke up and

he doesn't want to move to a 2-room place.

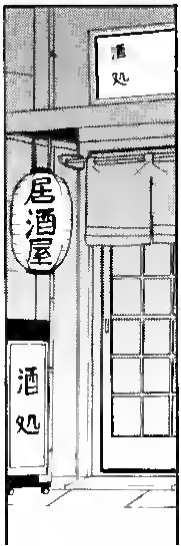
Both times he was thinking about me
The first time was when brother found out about our relationship.
The second was when he collapsed and I left work early for it.
DRINK-ING?
YEAH. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE GONE DRINK-ING WITH THE GUYS FROM UNIVERSITY
SO, DON'T WAIT UP FOR ME.
DON'T DRINK TOO MUCH.
YEAH--

I LIKE YOU, SHINOMOTO
SUM-IYOSHI?
When I tell him I like him he seems really happy but
HE LOVES ME
ME TOO
If he thinks he's being a burden on me, he draws away immediately
He puts me above himself

It makes me happy that he's thinking of me but it's also very sad
IF HE LIKES ME
HE SHOULD SAY WHAT HE WANTS MORE AND BE MORE SELFISH
If it's the result of our uneven relationship when we were kids then I want to move past that
GRIP
UHYA!?
WHA-WHA-WHAT!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'WHAT'?
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU WANT TO DO IT

BUT SHINOMOTO, THERE'S WORK TOMORROW...
ALRIGHT. SO CAN I DO IT BY MOUTH?
MOUTH!?
SUCK
EH!?
I'M N-NOT...!
OH YEAH. WE MISSED OUT CHANCE LAST WEEKEND

IN THIS TOO, IS HE STILL PRIORITIZING MY NEEDS?
Ha...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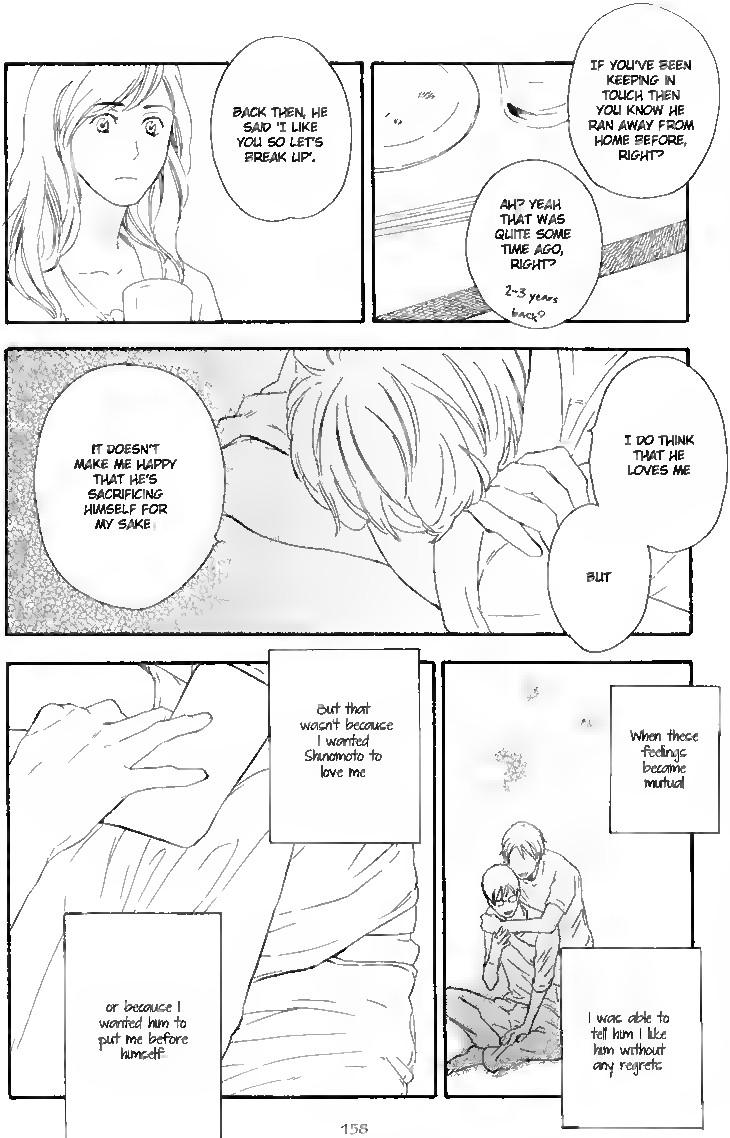
Ah...

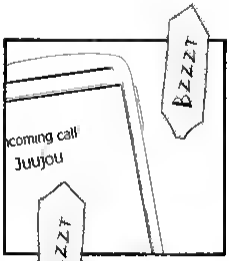
I CAN'T THINK
AH, I CAN'T
THAT'S WHY, YOU SHOULD STO-

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
.....
SITS UP
I'M NOT WRAPPED ~~!!
LISTEN TO THIS SUMIYOSHI HAS A GIRLFRIEND WHO HAS HIM WRAPPED AROUND HER LITTLE FINGER.
WHAT'S WITH THE DRUNK VIBES?
Bwahaha
BUT I WISH I WERE!!
WHAT KIND OF THINKING IS THAT?
OH, JUUJOU'S HERE!
Uh-
GOOD WORK TODAY!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE--
I JUST DON'T WANT TO BREAK UP AFTER I'M COMPLETELY DRUNK. SO WHAT?
HUH?
LOOK AT YOU! AND YOU WERE SUCH A PLAYBOY, ALWAYS CHANGING GIRLFRIENDS IN COLLEGE!

WHAT'S THIS ABOUT 'NOT BREAKING UP'?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN WITH SHINOMOTO?
BUT BEING WITH JUST ONE GUY FOR AROUND 3 TO 4 YEARS? MAYBE SHE JUST FEELS A BIT STIFLED?
HEY, SUMIYOSHI
Sneak
HM?
THAT'S RIGHT.
EH, HO-
HOW?
I REALIZED IT HALFWAY.
This is good—
Oh, is that a secret?
SLAM
EH!?
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT, JUUJOU !?
Umph
SHH——
Idiot!
!!

THEN, YOU DON'T KNOW THAT I'VE BEEN KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH SHINOMOTO-KUN?
EH!?
FROM TIME TO TIME SINCE COLLEGE.
EEEH?
I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS POSSIBLE AT FIRST BUT
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU ONLY HAVE ON CHILDHOOD FRIEND WHO WENT TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY.
AH--..
SO, I EVEN TOLD YOU ABOUT THAT, HUH?
IT'S FINE, RIGHT?
It's mostly relationship advice
BUT YOU KNOW!!
SO?
WHAT HAPPENED?
THAT GUY'S.
VERY DEVOTED TO ME.
AND NO. I'M NOT JUST SWEET-TALKING
Don't make that kind of face.

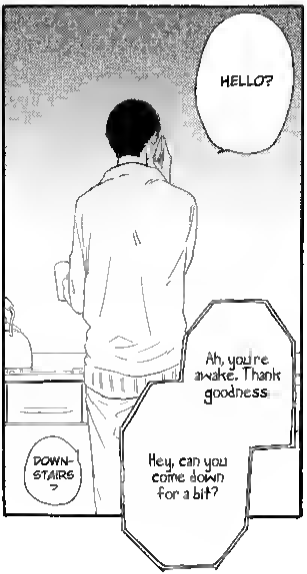

BACK THEN, HE SAID 'I LIKE YOU SO LET'S BREAK UP'.
IF YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING IN TOUCH THEN YOU KNOW HE RAN AWAY FROM HOME BEFORE, RIGHT?
AH? YEAH THAT WAS QUITE SOME TIME AGO, RIGHT?
2-3 years back?
IT DOESN'T MAKE ME HAPPY THAT HE'S SACRIFICING HIMSELF FOR MY SAKE
I DO THINK THAT HE LOVES ME
BUT
But that wasn't because I wanted Shinomoto to love me
or because I wanted him to put me before himself.
When those feelings became mutual
I was able to tell him I like him without any regrets.


Bzzzt
coming call
Juujou
Bzzzt

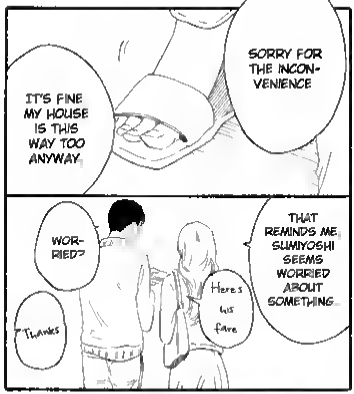
I JUST WANT US

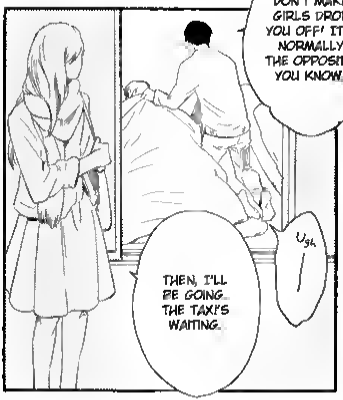
TO ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.

I can't get Sumiyoshi down from the taxi.
He's asleep
Fuuh


HELLO?
Ah, you're awake. Thank goodness.
DOWN-STAIRS ?
Hey, can you come down for a bit?

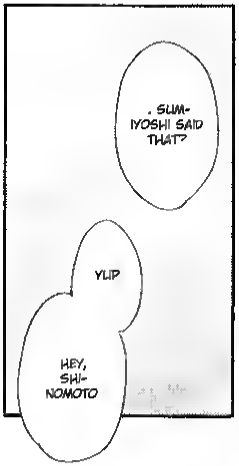
GEEZ! WHAT DID YOU DO!

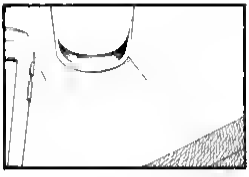

SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE
IT'S FINE MY HOUSE IS THIS WAY TOO ANYWAY
THAT REMINDS ME. SUMIYOSHI SEEMS WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING
WORRIED?
Here's his fare
Thanks


DON'T MAKE GIRLS DROP YOU OFF! IT'S NORMALLY THE OPPOSITE, YOU KNOW!
Ugh
THEN, I'LL BE GOING. THE TAXI'S WAITING.

HE PAYS HIS LOVER'S TOO DEVOTED AND WON'T SAY ANYTHING SELFISH.

MAYBE IT'S TIME YOU LET SUMIYOSHI KNOW?


. SUMIYOSHI SAID THAT?
YUP
HEY, SHINOMOTO



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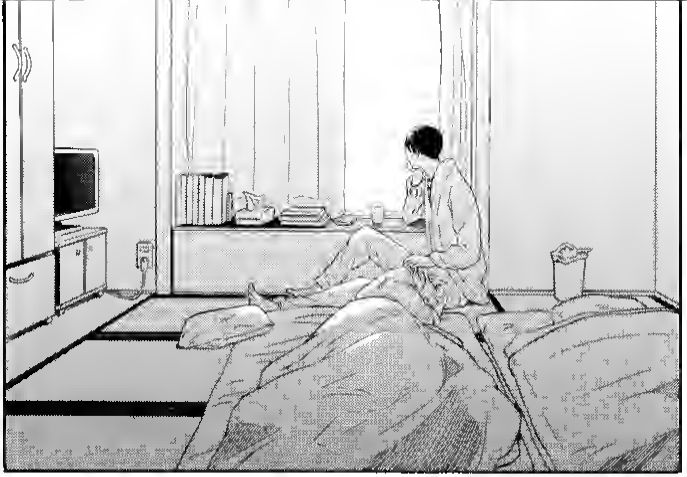
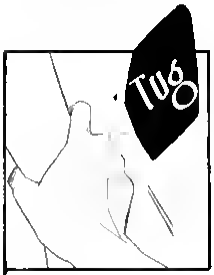
Sleep talking?
NH--
SHI-NOMO-TO.
HM? Where?
LIKE YOU...

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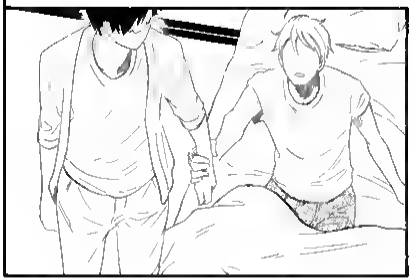
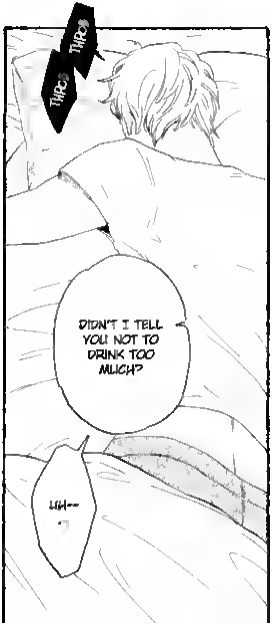
LATER, YOU HAVE TO THANK JUUJOU-SAN.

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DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO DRINK TOO MUCH?
UH--

I'M GOING TO GO GET SOME WATER.
SHE SAID
YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING IN TOUCH
...WHAT?
THROB
THROB
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
BUT IF YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU DIDN'T TELL ME BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T WANT TO WORRY ME THEN ...
SUM-IYOSHI?
THROB
SHIT.
MY HEAD
I'M NOT CHEATING ON YOU!
I KNOW THAT!
THROB
...I JUST DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO TELL YOU.
REALLY?

OW-
SHINOMOTO, DON'T SAY IT'S FOR MY SAKE.
CLENCH
SAY WHAT YOU WANT
SEE? YOU'RE STILL NOT FEELING WELL, ARE YOU?
I'LL JUST GET YOU SOME WATER. LET GO OF MY HAND...
NO!!
GRAB
IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON LEAVING AGAIN, I...
CUT IT OUT!
SUM-IYOSHI!
LET GO THAT HURTS!
BE MORE SELFISH!
DON'T JUST LEAVE ME BEHIND SO EASILY...

AH, GEEZ...
SHINOMOTO
Head-ache
STOP GETTING WEIRD IDEAS WHEN YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL.
JUST CALM DOWN!
...I HEARD FROM JULIJOU YESTERDAY
ARE YOU WORRIED BECAUSE I DON'T SAY SELFISH THINGS?
THAT'S NOT IT! I'M..

BUT I'M ALREADY A LOT SELFISH, AREN'T I?
EH, WAIT!
AND WHERE DID YOU GET THE IDEA THAT I'M SUCH A SAINT...
JUST WHEN HAD YOU BEEN SELFISH?
...HUH?
Really?
AND EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T FEIGNING INNOCENCE AT ALL
So you don't say selfish things, huh...
IT WAS EMBARASSING BEING LAUGHED AT BY JULIJOU-SAN!
...LIKE YESTER-DAY.
YESTER-DAY?
WHEN I DID IT BY MOUTH.
EH!?

...BUT
YOU LEFT ME AND RAN AWAY
ACTUALLY, I WAS JUST JEALOUS, OKAY!
THAT'S NOT IT I THOUGHT THAT IF YOU GOT OFF THE NIGHT BEFORE, THEN WHEN YOU WENT DRINKING AND GOT AROUSED, NOTHING WEIRD WOULD HAPPEN
WASN'T THAT FOR MY SAKE...
SEE? THAT RIGHT THERE! That's nothing to be happy about!!
YOU HAVE SUCH AN IDEALIZED VIEW OF ME THAT YOU DON'T EVEN REALIZE IT WHEN I'M BEING SELFISH!
HEH... Jealous
...THAT WAS SELFISH OF ME TOO.
JUST TWO YEARS AGO.
THAT TIME, YOU SAID IT WAS FOR MY SAKE AND TRIED TO BREAK UP WITH ME
...WHEN WAS THIS?
THEN THAT MEANS..
BUT
WHILE I SAID THAT IT WAS FOR YOUR SAKE, I WAS ACTUALLY AFRAID OF THROWING YOUR LIFE OUT OF ORDER.

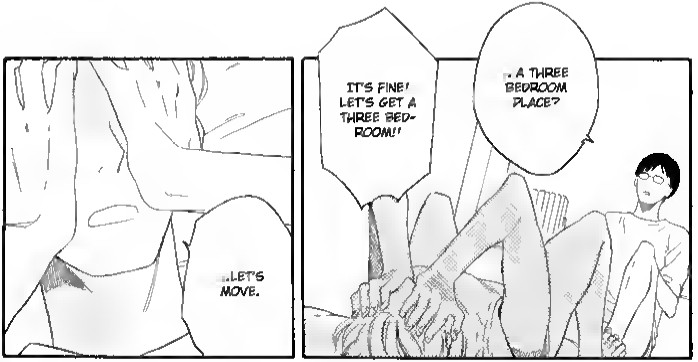
I DON'T THINK THAT WAY NOW

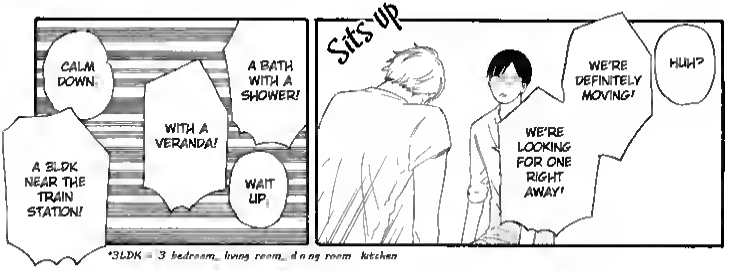
IF I CAN GET TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT YOU LIKE ME FOR YEARS AND YEARS TO COME
THEN I DON'T WANT TO EVEN THINK ABOUT POSSIBLY BREAKING UP

NOW, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DRAWING BACK.

Thank goodness I told him
CRYING LIKE THAT WILL RUIN YOUR FACE
--THAT REMINDS ME
WHAT ABOUT MOVING?
WHY SO HESITANT?
If you're not thinking about breaking up.
HUH?
...WHATEVER. IT'S FINE.
IF YOU DON'T SAY IT CLEARLY, IT'S GOING TO TURN INTO ANOTHER MISUNDERSTANDING

...YOU WANT TO MOVE TO A MORE SPACIOUS PLACE, RIGHT?
...YEAH?
IF WE DO THAT,
THEN WE'RE GOING TO START SLEEPING IN DIFFERENT ROOMS...
BUT YOU SAID YOU WANT YOUR OWN ROOM...
IT DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE TO SLEEP THERE. WE CAN SLEEP IN ONE ROOM AND EACH GET OUR OWN ROOM!!
THAT'S IT!?
IT'S FINE IF WE GET ONE BEDROOM!!
SUMI-YOSH!!?





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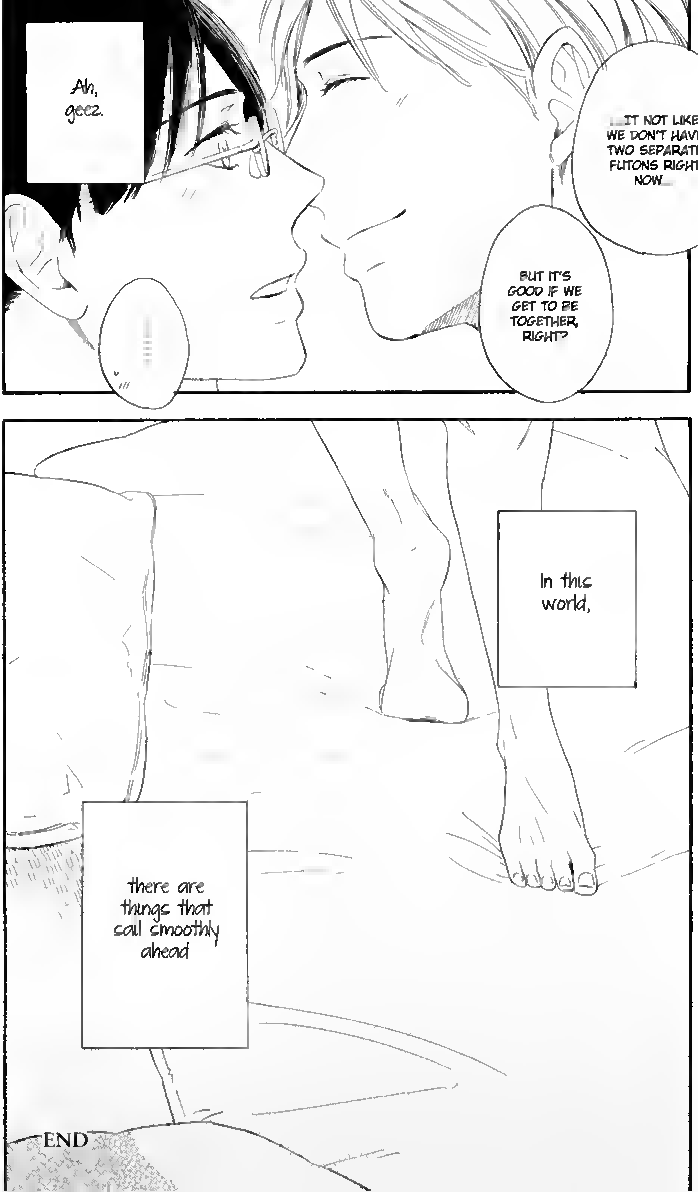
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...IT NOT LIKE WE DON'T HAVE TWO SEPARATE FUTONS RIGHT NOW...
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